

Program Contacts

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The Virginia Telecommunication Planning Initiative (VATPI) is a comprehensive telecommunications planning effort that will allow communities to identify and develop elements necessary to develop a successful community broadband network. The goal of the program is to ensure community sustainability and competitiveness in the global marketplace via comprehensive planning for broadband deployment. VATPI community telecommunications plans include, at the least:

- Assessment of current broadband availability and usage;
- Address demand aggregation and future use;
- Address the relationship to regional planning and telecommunications networks;
- Address community development applications; and
- Design

Up to \$75,000 in funds will be awarded for communities to develop a comprehensive telecommunication plan. DHCD anticipates awarding up to eight grants awards.

Eligibility

Units of local government are the only eligible recipients of VATPI funding. Localities may partner with planning district commissions, nonprofit organizations and other entities to undertake project activities.

Program Resources

- [Letter of Interest Guidelines](#)
- [Announcement of Letter of Interest Submissions](#)